

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act. The Administrator has received an application for renewal of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit # NV0020311 from the following applicant:

City of Lovelock
P.O. Box 238
Lovelock, NV 89419

The applicant operates a Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) treatment facility, which is designed to treat up to 0.6 million gallons (MGD) per day of domestic (sanitary) wastewater generated in Lovelock, Pershing County, Nevada. The current average rate of effluent discharge is 0.3 MGD. The SBR treatment facility had replaced four wastewater treatment ponds used in Lovelock, Nevada until 2001. The SBR treatment facility effluent is tertiary-treated (i.e., biological oxidation and denitrification) and disinfected with bleach (hypochlorite) prior to discharge. The tertiary-treated, disinfected effluent is discharged to the Lovelock Drain, which is an irrigation tailwater ditch terminating at Toulon Sink. The Division has made the tentative determination to issue (renew) the proposed NPDES permit to the applicant for a period of five (5) years.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on September 19, 2003, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
333 West Nye Lane
Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time. The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Mark A. Kaminski, P.E., Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9424 (e-mail: mkaminsk@ndep.nv.gov). The office fax number is (775) 687-4684. For further information, the interested reader can view a copy of this facility's Fact Sheet at the following website address: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>